

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4 through 7, and 12 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing system including first and second devices which connect to each other via a communication control bus,

wherein said first device comprises a plurality of data buffers and transmission means for transmitting one request to said second device, a single command block which designates a plurality of data storage areas in said first device to said second device processing to be performed for the plurality of data buffers,

wherein said second device comprises completion notifying means for notifying said first device of completion of a data communication for one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers in said first device, and

wherein said first device further comprises update means for ~~not updating the one of the~~ plurality of data storage areas for ~~which the data communication has not been completed but~~ updating the one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers for which the data communication has been completed; in accordance with the notification ~~of completion of the data communication~~ for one of the plurality of data storage areas by said completion notifying means without updating the other data buffers among the plurality of data buffers.

2. (Currently Amended) A communication method between two devices which connect to each other via a communication control bus, said method comprising:

a transmission step of transmitting from the first device to said second device ~~one request~~ a single command block which designates processing to be performed for a plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers in the first device;

a completion notifying step of the second device notifying the first device of completion when a data communication for one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers in the first device designated by the request is complete; and

a step of, in accordance with the notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers in the first device, ~~not updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has not been completed but~~ updating the one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers for which the data communication has been completed without updating the other data buffers among the plurality of data buffers.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the two devices are connected via a communication control bus complying with IEEE1394.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein the transmission step includes a step of transmitting ~~a request~~ the command block which contains a plurality of pieces of identification information respectively indicating the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers, and commands respectively for the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, further comprising a data communication step of writing data on the data ~~storage area designated by~~ buffer related to the request ~~command block~~ or reading data from the data ~~buffer related to storage area designated by~~ the request command block.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus which can communicate with another device which connect to each other via a communication control bus, comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits ~~one request~~ a single command block which designates processing to be performed for a plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers in said apparatus;

a unit that receives, from the other device, a completion message indicating completion of a data communication for one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers in said apparatus; and

a unit that ~~does not update the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has not been completed but updating~~ updates the one of the plurality of data ~~storage areas~~ buffers for which the data communication has been completed[[.]] in accordance with the notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data

storage areas buffers in said apparatus without updating the other data buffers among the plurality of data buffers.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said transmission unit transmits ~~a request~~ the command block which ~~contain~~ contains a plurality of pieces of identification information respectively indicating the plurality of data storage areas buffers, and commands respectively for the plurality of data storage areas buffers.

8 - 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A communication method in an information processing apparatus which can communicate with another device which connect to each other via a communication control bus, said method comprising:

transmitting ~~one request to the other device~~ a single command block which designates processing to be performed for a plurality of data storage areas buffers in said apparatus ~~to the other device~~;

receiving, from the other device, a completion message indicating completion of a data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas buffers in said apparatus; and

~~not updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas buffers for which the data communication has not been completed~~ but updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas buffers for which the data communication has been completed[[,]] in accordance with the

notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas buffers in said apparatus without updating the other data buffers among the plurality of data buffers.

13. (Cancelled)